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FROM:

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Chief, Legislation Division, OGC

SUBJECT:

DDCI-Designate Confirmation Hearing

Mr. McMahon's confirmation hearing is tentatively scheduled for 27 May. I need your assistance in providing answers to the attached questions. Please have your suggestions returned to me at room 7C36. Your cooperation in responding by COB Friday, 14 May, would be greatly appreciated.

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Attachments:

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Question: Although it is not required by law, it has generally been traditional for either the DCI or DDCI to be a military officer. Do you plan to take any special steps to ensure that the viewpoints of the military services are adequately represented after you become DDCI?

Answer: (NOTE: The only period in CIA history when neither the DCI nor the DDCI has been a military officer was during the Bush-Knoche Administration, from 1976 to 1977.)

Question: Would you object to the publication of an overall Intelligence Budget figure?

Answer: — I do not think that publication of such a figure would be either enlightening to the public or advisable from the standpoint of security.
— As noted in the House Intelligence Committee's report on the Fiscal Year 1983 Intelligence Authorization Bill:

"Disclosure is not in the public interest. By itself, a single intelligence budget total would probably not harm intelligence activities or capabilities. Such a number, however, would be meaningless in a vacuum. . . . the description which would be necessary to make the budget figure comprehensible would itself be highly sensitive. It is in this context that the committee fears that budget disclosure can be harmful and inconsistent with the primary purpose of secrecy in intelligence matters."